

# School quality bills face Senate test

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By Tim Richard  
staff writer

The Michigan Senate is scheduled to vote Tuesday on a package of educational quality bills which bogged down last week.

"There's a question of whether to have a core curriculum," said Sen. Rudy Nichols, R-Waterford, putting his finger on the center of the controversy.

Nichols was named to a 14-member ad hoc committee to work on three school bills, covering core curriculum, school improvement plans and school board annual reports to the public.

"People are asking more money (for education) and more accountability. The two march in concert," Nichols said.

"IMPLEMENTATION is a several-hundred million dollar package," said Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, another member of the ad hoc panel.

"There is a question of whether

this is the best way to use the funds. And there is a question of how we have the funds?"

In his State of the State address, Gov. James J. Blanchard tied the question of improving school quality to his "closing tax loopholes" plan—\$250 million in revenue from increases in taxes on banks and insurance companies, plus taxes on large lottery winnings and military pay.

"His plan has no legislative support," said Faxon. "His agenda is not this Legislature's agenda."

But Faxon sees Republican legislators as seeking a massive revenue shift from southeastern Michigan to the outstate, where living costs run 22 percent lower, in the name of equity.

"It's interesting that the Republicans are posturing for the most socialistic form of education ever advocated... a boost to the outstate at the expense of southeastern Michigan," Faxon said.

THREE BILLS were scheduled for a Senate vote last Wednesday (see related story). But the process broke down, according to Senate Majority Leader John Engler, R-Mount Pleasant.

"The speaker (Democrat Gary Owen of Ypsilanti) asked for an ad hoc committee. He insisted on it. It's difficult to discern the reasons," said Engler, who prefers to work through the standing committee process.

There was a breakdown over the partisan makeup of the 14-member committee, Engler announced on the Senate floor. After they had agreed to a 4-3 party split (Republicans con-

trol the Senate and Democrats the House), Engler said Owen wanted a 5-2 split.

But the Republican chief was pleased that "we're going to move (these bills) in an orderly session, and not let them pile up 'til June when we have the budget bills."

"QUALITY" has become the 1988 buzz word in Lansing.

Republicans unveiled their program late last year, and Blanchard countered in the State of the State with similar proposals, many of which delighted the GOP.

Blanchard's fiscal 1989 budget message recommends only a 1-per-

cent general increase in state aid to K-12 schools, but it asks much "careful targeting of resources to initiatives that improve the quality and accountability." Among them:

- \$600,000 for implementing teacher competency testing by 1991.
- \$100,000 to relative science testing, along with updated state assessment tests in math and reading.
- Targeted aid for computer literacy.
- A greater response to the

school dropout problem, including alternative education programs or remedial services to 10,700 pupils in 12 districts and nine other pilot programs.

- An "employability skills test" for high school graduates.
- The "Detroit Compact"—a guarantee that middle school students who meet achievement and attendance goals will earn either scholarships for higher education or advanced vocational placement.
- \$500,000 to disseminate education research directly to classrooms.

## What quality bills do

Here, according to staff analyses, are key features of three educational quality bills facing the Michigan Senate Tuesday:

• **Core Curriculum**—SB 547 requires local boards to make a "core" curriculum consisting of required and elective courses available to all pupils attending a public school. It would take effect in September of 1989.

The "core" would include: career education, communication skills (defined as "English grammar, composition, oral skills, literature and reading"), computer science, foreign language, health and physical education, math, science, social studies, visual and performing arts, vocational education.

Local and intermediate districts would be able to offer courses through consortiums. An amendment exempts non-public schools.

The state school aid act provides incentive funds. Supporters of the bill include the associations of school boards and school administrators and the two teachers' unions. Sponsor is Dan DeGroot, R-Port Huron.

• **Annual improvement plan**—SB 548 requires local boards to develop and implement 3-5-year school improvement plans for each school in the district, beginning with 1989-90. Plans would be based on state Board of Education models. An amendment requires "proposed methods of maintaining classroom management."

The state board would annually review a random sampling of school improvement plans, reporting to the legislature's two education committees.


Supporters are the same groups backing SB 547. Sponsor is senate Education Committee Chairman John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek.

• **Annual Educational Report**. SB 549 requires local districts to prepare and make public an annual educational report, beginning in 1990. It would cover accreditation status of every school, core curriculum activities, student achievement, dropout and retention rates.

Current policy requires only a financial report. Supporters are the same. Sponsor is Schwarz.

## clarification

Two photos were transposed on page 5A of Thursday's edition—William Keane, superintendent of the Oakland Intermediate School District, and R. Stephen Nicholson, chancellor of Oakland Community College.



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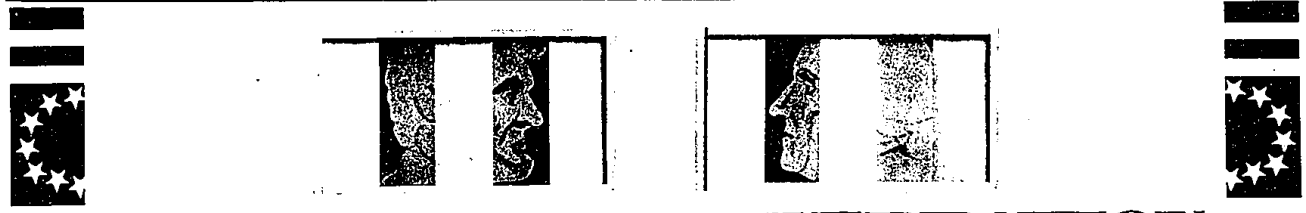
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